



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)**

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**Reflection:** For this final Sunday of the month, we reflect on how April has been so very strongly focused on MERCY.

**God's Mercy = God's Love.**

He is always motivated by love. (Even His warnings are loving warnings). When death had been brought into the world by Original Sin, He lovingly came to our rescue at the Incarnation – His Only Begotten Son having to assume human flesh, for our Salvation & Redemption. This would entail Jesus having to conquer the phenomenon of Death with His own Passion and Death. His triumph on the first Good Friday would be evidenced in His Glorious Resurrection on the first Easter Sunday.

In terms of Liturgy, hymn singing at Sunday Mass is nowhere more evident than during the joy of Eastertide.

(In last Sunday's newsletter 'Reflection', we looked at 'mercy' in two well-known hymns. This week, we look briefly at another three).

"*Because the Lord is My Shepherd*" (CFE 77) has the lines "*Your Goodness always is with me, and your Mercy I know ...*"

"*Tell out, my soul ...*" (CFE 684) has the line: "*His Mercy sure, from age to age the same.*"

"*The Lord's My Shepherd*" (CFE 706), in its final verse, states "*Goodness and Mercy all my life shall surely follow me.*"

God's Mercy is utterly unique. When the word 'mercy' is used of God, it is used in the most unique of ways. His Mercy is beyond compare.

During this Holy Season of Easter, we rejoice in Jesus' amazing triumph over death.

In all humility, we respond in love for God's tender loving Mercy towards us.

**Saturday 25th April 2026 St. Mark the Evangelist**

10am Mass – Dr. Michael Kafeero Ssabayinda RIP d. 27-03-2008

Confessions 11am-12 noon & 5.45pm- 6.15pm

6.30pm Mass – Living & deceased members of the Green family (& Teresa Fernandez RIP)

**SUNDAY APRIL 26th 2026  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

7.30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – People of the parish

11am Mass – For God's blessing, guidance & protection of the family members of Stanley & Hana Peterside

**Monday 27th April 2026 Feria of Eastertide**

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For all the holy souls in Purgatory (AB)

**Tuesday 28th April 2026 Feria of Eastertide**

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For Carl Miller (19<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow)

**Wednesday 29th April 2026 St. Catherine of Siena**

8.30am Adoration

9.15 Mass – Fr. Michael Collins RIP

**Thursday 30th April 2026 Feria of Eastertide**

8.00am Adoration

9.15am Mass – Myles Bampton RIP & Yvonne Lawton RIP

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 St. Joseph the Worker**

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For St. Joseph's intercession for the place of work in family life

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 St. Athanasius (Bishop & Doctor)**

10am Mass – Living & deceased members of the WELLS family and of the SMALLER family

Confessions: 10.30-11.00am & 5.45-6.15pm

6.30pm – People of the parish

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)**

7.30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – For birthday blessings today for Alexandria (sister of a parishioner)

11am Mass – Thanking God for His blessings and asking for His guidance in our lives (Nneka Okeke & family)

## **Good Shepherd Catholic Primary and Nursery School**

If you are a parent with “a new-born”, or a child aged 1-3 years, please do “register” your Catholic child for our Catholic Primary School. Mrs. Jane Day, our headteacher, writes as follows, inviting you to visit the school:

**“Good Shepherd is a very friendly & inclusive school, and we welcome families to come and visit. At our school ‘every day is an open day’ – so please come along for a tour of our lovely school and ask any questions you may have. Feel free to call in advance (01689-841771) or just turn up. We are rated “Good” by both Ofsted and the Catholic Schools Inspectorate”.**

***Home/Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School***

**New Addington Foodbank**: thank you for all your contributions. CURRENTLY THE FOODBANK NEEDS: household cleaning products; nappies size 4 & higher; baby wipes; long-life milk; sugar; coffee; squash/fruit juice; savoury biscuits/crackers; rice; cooking oil; meat pies.

**2020 Diamond Fund**: this actually dates from March 2015. 2017 was our 60<sup>th</sup> Year - the Diamond Anniversary as a parish. 2020 marked 60 years of our church being built, before its unveiling in 1962. Details of the 2020 Diamond Fund bank account avail from Fr. Con, for anyone wishing to transfer. Thanks to all contributors.

**Gift Aid Scheme**: Parishioners, not yet members, are encouraged to join. You paid tax on your weekly giving to the parish. It can come back to the parish from HMR & C at no cost to you.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **ANN GAVIGAN RIP** and for the solace of the Holy Spirit for her family at this time and going forward. Ann passed away on Easter Sunday. May she rest in peace. Amen. Her Requiem Mass will be on THURSDAY MAY 7<sup>th</sup> at 12.15pm, followed by burial at Green Lawn Memorial Park, Warlingham at 2pm.

**Please pray for those with health issues**: Peter Brown, Cyril Ojiemen, Curtis Pointu, Francesco Bruno, Jim Venis, Thomas Gunn, Issy Okwuobi, Divina Ddungu, Michael Onuh, Jason Brewer, Ruddy Mathiasine, Sebastian Akogun, Vera Arthur, Susan Smith, Izeubokun Ichide, John Kabangue, Roseline Bardo, Teresa Saunders, Joyce Dean, Dorothy & Maria Vassallo, Fred Wye, Trudi Ollivierre, Philomena deSouza, Shirley Pointu, Cyril Green, Patricia Tougher, Kathy & Terry Jobson, Kathleen Sage, Mary Davies, Anjali & Doug Fanthome, Margaret Furey, Bryan & Maria Smith, Edith Mack, Eileen Evans, Tilly Whitmore, Celia Hulbert, Maura Malinoff, Amelia & Georgina Holmes, Ken & Maria Rowland, Anita Gregory, Victoria Kana, Jamie Prince, Pat Vaughan, E. Hanks, Pat Enver, Julie Jones, Tyrone Phillips, Saoirse Hennessey, M. Slattery.

***Fr. Con thanks you all for your generous Easter Offerings, and for your equally generous gifts given outside of the collection at the 3 Easter Masses.***

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